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REMARKS

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1. Prior to the end of October 1950, an AT artillery unit was stationed in Horsovsky Tyn (N 50/P 71). About 10 AT guns, apparently old Soviet models, were observed with the unit when it left for a field exercise. \*
2. Military installations in Horsovsky Tyn were described as follows:
  - a. An old cantonment which was located near the road fork south-southeast of the town, on the west side of the road to Domazlice (N 50/P 70).
  - b. A new cantonment of about 12 wooden buildings which was located on the east side of the road to Domazlice, opposite the old cantonment. The construction of the installation was started in the summer of 1950.
  - c. Two concrete-lined tunnels, each about 150 meters long, were near the two cantonments. One of the tunnels was still under construction in October 1950. They seemed to have been designed for the storage of ammunition.
  - d. An old barracks installation, possibly the Dragoon Barracks, which was located in the center of the town. It contained one barracks building, one mess building and several old horse stables which had been converted into garages.
  - e. A former girls' school in the southern sector of the town.
  - f. Three new officers' apartment houses which were located between the two cantonments and the railroad line. Additional smaller houses for officer families were under construction. \*\*
3. A Soviet general was in the Horsovsky Tyn area in September 1950. It was said that he came from Domazlice and inspected Czechoslovakian troop units.

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4. A commission of Soviet officers and NCOs was billeted in the castle of Kanice (N 50/P 81) in September and October 1950. The commission inspected schools, hotels, warehouses, etc., regarding their suitability for use as troop quarters. In October 1950, the commission, which included a junior and a senior lieutenant, also inspected the Praha Hotel and the workmen's house in Stankov (N 50/P 81).
5. In October 1950, the cloister and the school in Ronsperk (N 50/P 61) were requisitioned by a Czech agency and taken over for troop billets. A large old barn was improved for use as emergency quarters. The former German Reich Labor Service (RAD) camp at Ronsperk was occupied by troops.

- \* Comment. The unit probably was the 252nd AT Arty Bn of the 11th Inf Div, which has been known in Horsovsy Tyn since May 1948. The battalion was reportedly equipped with Soviet model ZIS - 3 AT guns of 76 mm caliber. 50X1-HUM
- \*\* Comment. The 252nd AT Arty Bn is believed to have been quartered in only one of the military installations described. It is probable that the other installations, particularly the newly constructed large cantonment, were occupied by other units. 50X1-HUM
- the Capuchin monastery allegedly quartered a drivers school of 170 men of the 11th Inf Div in November 1950. 50X1-HUM

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